

and has made this reform much more possible both in the past and today. And I thank him for his tremendous leadership on this issue.

### RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands in recess.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1:01 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. COATS).

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask to be recognized under my leader time just briefly.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

### THE SENATE SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. First, I apologize to my colleagues for having to take this time right now before the cloture vote. However, the last couple of weeks have been somewhat hectic in the scheduling of floor action, with the end of the fiscal year, appropriations bills, fast track and ISTEA legislation brewing, all looming over the Senate schedule. And I wanted to address the Senate before these votes occur.

Having said all that, I think all of my colleagues understand that one of the major roles of the majority leader is to set the Senate schedule during each day's session and during the week. Conversely, yesterday I watched with dismay as the minority leader filed a cloture motion to the pending campaign finance reform bill and further announced it would be his intention to continue that practice for the remainder of the week. Unfortunately, since I was not notified of the minority leader's intention, I could not be on the floor to respond.

I will say now that my response was really one of dismay. All Senators know that filing a cloture motion does affect the Senate schedule. Needless to say, if cloture is invoked, if more than 60 Senators voted to limit the debate, then the Senate must remain on that clotured item until disposed of, regardless of what the majority leader might have had in mind for the schedule for floor consideration during those few days.

So I say to my colleagues that I do regret the action, but I understand how these things happen. Sometimes we just can't get in touch with each other and there is miscommunication. But prior to that event, the Senate had basically conducted what I think has been an interesting debate, an informative debate, and I think a fair and constructive debate. As of yesterday afternoon at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Senate had been considering this campaign finance reform bill for parts or all of 6 days. The debate had exceeded 22 hours and has been basically

evenly shared by both sides of the issue.

I ask unanimous consent the time spent on the debate be printed in the RECORD at this point.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Friday, September 26th (On the bill 10-3:45) 5'45"

Proponents:	
Daschle .....	21
McCain .....	24
Feingold .....	23
Kerry .....	30
Thompson .....	17
Torricelli .....	30
Dorgan .....	25

Total ..... 170

Opponents:	
Lott .....	24
Bennett .....	49
McConnell .....	14
Ashcroft .....	25
Grams .....	12
Gorton .....	34

Total ..... 158

Monday, September 29th (On the bill 12-6:10) 6'10"

Proponents:	
McCain .....	51
Feingold .....	04
Collins .....	13
Levin .....	13
Dorgan .....	21
Lieberman .....	39
Cleland .....	16
Durbin .....	20

Total ..... 177

Opponents:	
Lott .....	05
Warner .....	05
McConnell .....	96
Bennett .....	15
Nickles .....	19
Hatch .....	10

Total ..... 150

Tuesday, September 30th (Morning Business) 32"

Proponents:	
Daschle .....	04
Boxer .....	10
Wellstone .....	18

Total ..... 32

Wednesday, October 1st (Morning Business) 2'01"

Proponents:	
Kennedy .....	08
Levin .....	17
Glenn .....	57

Total ..... 82

Opponents:	
Thomas .....	10
Santorum .....	29

Total ..... 39

Monday, October 6th (On the bill 1-7:30) 7'30"

Proponents:	
Feingold .....	51
McCain .....	15
Daschle .....	08
Reid .....	09

Johnson .....	19
Bryan .....	18
Bingaman .....	08
Bumpers .....	24
Levin .....	54
Collins .....	05

Total ..... 211

### Opponents:

McConnell .....	40
G. Smith .....	07
Hagel .....	14
Gorton .....	34
Allard .....	22
Ashcroft .....	07
Shelby .....	09
Domenici .....	26
Burns .....	20

Total ..... 179

Mr. LOTT. So I understand, especially in this case, though, there is a wish by the minority to try to control the Senate schedule. However, there are other pressing items that are pending on the Senate's calendar that require Senate consideration. Some of those include, but are not limited to, fast-track legislation, remaining appropriations conference reports, ISTEA, Amtrak, adoption and foster-care legislation and, hopefully, perhaps others.

In closing, I hope that all Senators understand that I will have to move to proceed to other legislative items after these two cloture votes if cloture is not invoked. I am announcing to my colleagues now, so that no Member will be surprised by my actions. For the record, I have held up my end of the bargain by making the campaign finance issue the pending business prior to the October recess. It was suggested we were going to delay it until the end of the week, or the end of the month, or the end of the session. I said at the time I had no intention of doing that. I thought we should have debate early and we should have every opportunity for Senators to express themselves. The Senate has been provided more than adequate debate on this bill, and I think that the important thing now is to go ahead and have these cloture votes. It appears to me that there is no consensus at this time on this issue. I will have more to say about this after the votes, and I hope that we can move on to other issues that need to be done before the close of the session.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The minority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I am very disappointed with the announcement made by the majority leader, but I am not surprised. He has said from the very beginning that he was going to devise a strategy that would kill campaign finance reform, and he may have done so in the interim. It is not our intention to schedule legislation. It is not our intention to in any way obstruct the desires of the majority leader to go on to other issues. But it is our desire to have a good debate about one of the most important pieces of legislation pending before the Senate.